

## Micropower, Dual and Quad, Single Supply, Precision Op Amps

### FEATURES

- Available in 8-Pin SO Package
- 50 $\mu$ A Max Supply Current Per Amplifier
- 70 $\mu$ V Max Offset Voltage
- 180 $\mu$ V Max Offset Voltage in 8-Pin SO
- 250pA Max Offset Current
- 0.6 $\mu$ Vp-p 0.1Hz to 10Hz Voltage Noise
- 3pAp-p 0.1Hz to 10Hz Current Noise
- 0.4 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C Offset Voltage Drift
- 200kHz Gain-Bandwidth Product
- 0.07V/ $\mu$ s Slew Rate
- Single Supply Operation
- Input Voltage Range Includes Ground
- Output Swings to Ground While Sinking Current
- No Pull Down Resistors Needed
- Output Sources and Sinks 5mA Load Current

### APPLICATIONS

- Battery or Solar Powered Systems
- Portable Instrumentation
- Remote Sensor Amplifier
- Satellite Circuitry
- Micropower Sample-and-Hold
- Thermocouple Amplifiers
- Micropower Filters

### DESCRIPTION

The LT1078 is a micropower dual op amp in 8-pin packages including the small outline surface mount package. The LT1079 is a micropower quad op amp offered in the standard 14-pin packages. Both devices are optimized for single supply operation at 5V.  $\pm$ 15V specifications are also provided.

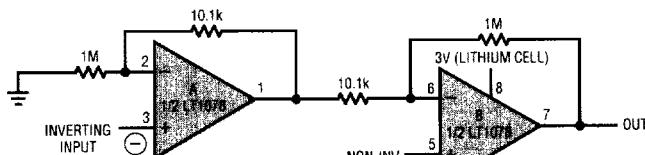
Micropower performance of competing devices is achieved at the expense of seriously degrading precision, noise, speed, and output drive specifications. The design effort of the LT1078/1079 was concentrated on reducing supply current without sacrificing other parameters. The offset voltage achieved is the lowest of any dual or quad non-chopper stabilized op amp, whether micropower or otherwise. Offset current, voltage and current noise, slew rate and gain-bandwidth product are all two to three times better than other micropower op amps.

The 1/f corner of the voltage noise spectrum is at 0.7Hz, at least three times lower than on any monolithic op amp. This results in low frequency (0.1Hz to 10Hz) noise performance which can only be found on devices with an order of magnitude higher supply current.

Both the LT1078 and LT1079 can be operated from a single supply (as low as one lithium cell or two Ni-cad batteries). The input range goes below ground. The all-NPN output stage swings to within a few millivolts of ground while sinking current — no power consuming pull down resistors are needed.

**REVISED SPECIFICATIONS  
CONSULT LTC FOR CURRENT  
DATA SHEET**

#### Single Battery, Micropower, Gain = 100, Instrumentation Amplifier

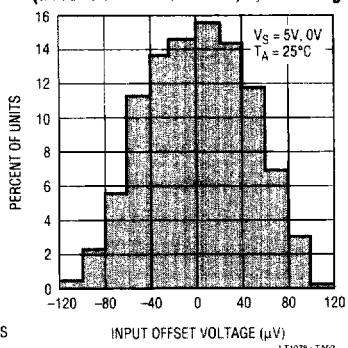


#### TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

INPUT OFFSET VOLTAGE = 40 $\mu$ V  
INPUT OFFSET CURRENT = 0.2nA  
TOTAL POWER DISSIPATION = 240 $\mu$ W  
COMMON-MODE REJECTION = 110dB (AMPLIFIER LIMITED)  
GAIN-BANDWIDTH PRODUCT = 200kHz

OUTPUT NOISE = 85 $\mu$ Vp-p 0.1Hz TO 10Hz  
= 300 $\mu$ RMS OVER FULL BANDWIDTH  
INPUT RANGE = 0.03V TO 1.8V  
OUTPUT RANGE = 0.03V TO 2.3V  
(0.3mV  $\leq$  V<sub>IN</sub> - V<sub>IL</sub>  $\leq$  23mV)  
OUTPUTS SINK CURRENT — NO PULL DOWN RESISTORS  
ARE NEEDED

Distribution of Input Offset Voltage  
(LT1078 and LT1079 in H, J, N Packages)



**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**

Supply Voltage .....	$\pm 22V$	Operating Temperature Range	
Differential Input Voltage .....	$\pm 30V$	LT1078AM/LT1078M/	
Input Voltage .....	Equal to Positive Supply Voltage	LT1079AM/LT1079M .....	-55°C to 125°C
..... 5V Below Negative Supply Voltage		LT1078I/LT1079I .....	-40°C to 85°C
Output Short Circuit Duration .....	Indefinite	LT1078AC/LT1078C/LT1078S8/LT1078S16/	
Storage Temperature Range		LT1079AC/LT1079C .....	0°C to 70°C
All Grades .....	-65°C to 150°C	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 sec.) .....	300°C

**PACKAGE/ORDER INFORMATION**

TOP VIEW		TOP VIEW		TOP VIEW	
	LT1078 - PO01		J8 PACKAGE		N8 PACKAGE
	H PACKAGE		8-LEAD CERAMIC DIP		8-LEAD PLASTIC DIP
	B-LEAD TO-5 METAL CAN				J PACKAGE
					N PACKAGE
					LT1078 - PO02
					LT1078 - PO03
ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER
LT1078AMH	LT1078AMJ8	LT1078ACN8	LT1079AMJ	LT1079ACN	
LT1078MH	LT1078MJ8	LT1078CN8	LT1079MJ	LT1079CN	
LT1078ACH	LT1078ACJ8	LT1078IN8	LT1079ACJ	LT1079IN	
LT1078CH	LT1078CJ8		LT1079CJ		
TOP VIEW	TOP VIEW	TOP VIEW	TOP VIEW	TOP VIEW	TOP VIEW
S8 PACKAGE 8-LEAD PLASTIC SOIC			S PACKAGE 16-LEAD PLASTIC SOIC		
NOTE: THIS PIN CONFIGURATION DIFFERS FROM THE 8-LEAD DIP PIN LOCATIONS. INSTEAD, IT FOLLOWS THE INDUSTRY STANDARD LT1013DS8 SO PACKAGE CONFIGURATION.		NOTE: THIS DEVICE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR NEW DESIGNS.		NOTE: THIS DEVICE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR NEW DESIGNS.	
LT1078 - PO04		LT1078 - PO05			LT1078 - PO06
ORDER PART NUMBER	PART MARKING	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER	ORDER PART NUMBER
LT1078IS8	1078I	LT1078IS16		LT1079IS	
LT1078S8	1078	LT1078S16		LT1079S	

# LT1078/LT1079

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_S = 5V, 0V, V_{CM} = 0.1V, V_O = 1.4V, T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS (Note 1)	LT1078AM/AC			LT1078M/C/S LT1079M/C/S			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1078IS8/LT1078S8 LT1079 LT1078IS16/S16, LT1079IS/S	30	70		40	120		$\mu V$
				35	100	60	180		$\mu V$
						40	150		$\mu V$
						60	300		$\mu V$
$\Delta V_{OS}$ $\Delta$ Time	Long Term Input Offset Voltage Stability			0.4			0.5		$\mu V/\text{Mo}$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current			0.05	0.25		0.05	0.35	nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current			6	8		6	10	nA
$e_n$	Input Noise Voltage	0.1Hz to 10Hz (Note 2)		0.6	1.2		0.6		$\mu V_{p-p}$
	Input Noise Voltage Density	$f_0 = 10\text{Hz}$ (Note 2) $f_0 = 1000\text{Hz}$ (Note 2)		29	45		29		$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
				28	37		28		$\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
$i_n$	Input Noise Current	0.1Hz to 10Hz (Note 2)		2.3	4.0		2.3		$\text{pAp-p}$
	Input Noise Current Density	$f_0 = 10\text{Hz}$ (Note 2) $f_0 = 1000\text{Hz}$		0.06	0.10		0.06		$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
				0.02			0.02		$\text{pA}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
	Input Resistance Differential Mode	(Note 3)	400	800		300	800		$M\Omega$
	Common-Mode			6			6		$G\Omega$
	Input Voltage Range		3.5 0	3.8 -0.3		3.5 0	3.8 -0.3		V V
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0V$ to $3.5V$	97	110		94	108		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 2.3V$ to $12V$	102	114		100	114		dB
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_O = 0.03V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_O = 0.03V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	200 150	1000 600		150 120	1000 600		$\text{V}/\text{mV}$ $\text{V}/\text{mV}$
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output Low, No Load Output Low, 2k to GND Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$		3.5 0.55 95	6 1.0 130		3.5 0.55 95	6 1.0 130	mV mV mV
		Output High, No Load Output High, 2k to GND		4.2 3.5	4.4 3.9		4.2 3.5	4.4 3.9	V V
SR	Slew Rate	$A_V = +1, V_S = \pm 2.5V$	0.04	0.07		0.04	0.07		$\text{V}/\mu\text{s}$
GBW	Gain-Bandwidth Product	$f_0 \leq 20\text{kHz}$		200			200		kHz
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier			38	50		39	55	$\mu A$
	Channel Separation	$\Delta V_{IN} = 3V, R_L = 10k$		130			130		dB
	Minimum Supply Voltage	(Note 4)		2.2	2.3		2.2	2.3	V

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AM LT1079AM			LT1078M/I LT1079M/I			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1079, LT1078IS8 LT1078IS16, LT1079IS	●	70	250	95	370	$\mu V$	
			●	80	280	100	400	$\mu V$	
			●			100	560	$\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078IS8 LT1078IS16, LT1079IS	●	0.4	1.8	0.5	2.5	$\mu V/C$	
			●			0.6	3.5	$\mu V/C$	
			●			0.7	4.0	$\mu V/C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	LT1078I, LT1079I	●	0.07	0.50	0.07	0.70	$nA$	
			●			0.1	1.0	$nA$	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	7	10	7	12	$nA$	
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0.05V$ to $3.2V$	●	92	106	88	104	$dB$	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 3.1V$ to $12V$	●	98	110	94	110	$dB$	
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = 0.05V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_0 = 0.05V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	●	110	600	80	600	$V/mV$	
			●	80	400	60	400	$V/mV$	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output Low, No Load Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$	●	4.5	8	4.5	8	$mV$	
			●	125	170	125	170	$mV$	
		Output High, No Load Output High, 2k to GND	●	3.9	4.2	3.9	4.2	$V$	
			●	3.0	3.7	3.0	3.7	$V$	
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier		●	43	60	45	70	$\mu A$	

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** $V_S = 5V, 0V, V_{CM} = 0.1V, V_0 = 1.4V, 0^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 70^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AC LT1079AC			LT1078C/S LT1079C/S			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078 LT1079 LT1078S8 LT1078S16, LT1079S	●	50	150	60	240	$\mu V$	
			●	60	180	70	270	$\mu V$	
			●			85	350	$\mu V$	
			●			90	480	$\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078S8 LT1078S16, LT1079S	●	0.4	1.8	0.5	2.5	$\mu V/C$	
			●			0.6	3.5	$\mu V/C$	
			●			0.7	4.0	$\mu V/C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current		●	0.06	0.35	0.06	0.50	$nA$	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	6	9	6	11	$nA$	
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 0V$ to $3.4V$	●	94	108	90	106	$dB$	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 2.6V$ to $12V$	●	100	112	97	112	$dB$	
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_0 = 0.05V$ to $4V$ , No Load $V_0 = 0.05V$ to $3.5V$ , $R_L = 50k$	●	150	750	110	750	$V/mV$	
			●	110	500	80	500	$V/mV$	
		Output Low, No Load Output Low, $I_{SINK} = 100\mu A$	●	4.0	7	4.0	7	$mV$	
			●	105	150	105	150	$mV$	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	Output High, No Load Output High, 2k to GND	●	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.3	$V$	
			●	3.3	3.8	3.3	3.8	$V$	
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier		●	40	55	42	63	$\mu A$	

# LT1078/LT1079

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS $V_S = \pm 15V$ , $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AM/AC LT1079AM/AC			LT1078M/C/I/S LT1079M/C/I/S			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Including LT1078IS8/S8) LT1078IS16/S16, LT1079IS/S	50	250	70 80	350 500			$\mu V$ $\mu V$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current		0.05	0.25		0.05	0.35		nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		6	8		6	10		nA
	Input Voltage Range		13.5 - 15.0	13.8 - 15.3		13.5 - 15.0	13.8 - 15.3		V V
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = +13.5V, -15V$	100	114		97	114		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V, 0V$ to $\pm 18V$	102	114		100	114		dB
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_O = \pm 10V, R_L = 50k$ $V_O = \pm 10V, R_L = 2k$	1000 400	5000 1100		1000 300	5000 1100		$V/mV$ $V/mV$
$V_{OUT}$	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 50k$ $R_L = 2k$	$\pm 13.0$ $\pm 11.0$	$\pm 14.0$ $\pm 13.2$		$\pm 13.0$ $\pm 11.0$	$\pm 14.0$ $\pm 13.2$		V V
SR	Slew Rate		0.06	0.10		0.06	0.10		$V/\mu s$
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier		46	65		47	75		$\mu A$

## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$V_S = \pm 15V$ ,  $-40^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 85^\circ C$  for I grades,  $-55^\circ C \leq T_A \leq 125^\circ C$  for AM/M grades, unless otherwise noted.

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AM LT1079AM			LT1078M/I LT1079M/I			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	(Including LT1078IS8) LT1078IS16, LT1079IS	● ●	90 130	430	120 130	600 825		$\mu V$ $\mu V$
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078IS8 LT1078IS16, LT1079IS	● ● ●	0.5 0.7 0.8	1.8	0.6 0.7 0.8	2.5 3.8 5.0		$\mu V/^{\circ}C$ $\mu V/^{\circ}C$ $\mu V/^{\circ}C$
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current	LT1078I, LT1079I	● ●	0.07 0.1	0.50	0.07 0.1	0.70 1.0		nA nA
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	7	10	7	12		nA
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_O = \pm 10V, R_L = 5k$	●	200	700	150	700		$V/mV$
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = +13V, -14.9V$	●	94	110	90	110		dB
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V, 0V$ to $\pm 18V$	●	98	110	94	110		dB
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 5k$	●	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.5$	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.5$		V
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier		●	52	80	54	95		$\mu A$

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SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	LT1078AC LT1079AC			LT1078C/S LT1079C/S			UNITS
			MIN	TYP	MAX	MIN	TYP	MAX	
$V_{OS}$	Input Offset Voltage	LT1078S8 LT1078S16, LT1079S	●	70	330	90	460	$\mu V$	
			●			100	540	$\mu V$	
			●			115	750	$\mu V$	
$\frac{\Delta V_{OS}}{\Delta T}$	Input Offset Voltage Drift (Note 5)	LT1078S8 LT1078S16, LT1079S	●	0.5	1.8	0.6	2.5	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
			●			0.7	3.8	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
			●			0.8	5.0	$\mu V/^\circ C$	
$I_{OS}$	Input Offset Current		●	0.06	0.35	0.06	0.50	nA	
$I_B$	Input Bias Current		●	6	9	6	11	nA	
$A_{VOL}$	Large Signal Voltage Gain	$V_O = \pm 10V$ , $R_L = 5k$	●	300	1200	250	1200	V/mV	
CMRR	Common-Mode Rejection Ratio	$V_{CM} = 13V, -15V$	●	97	112	94	112	dB	
PSRR	Power Supply Rejection Ratio	$V_S = 5V$ , 0V to $\pm 18V$	●	100	112	97	112	dB	
	Maximum Output Voltage Swing	$R_L = 5k$	●	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.6$	$\pm 11.0$	$\pm 13.6$	V	
$I_S$	Supply Current Per Amplifier		●	49	73	50	85	$\mu A$	

The ● denotes the specifications which apply over the full operating temperature range.

**Note 1:** Typical parameters are defined as the 60% yield of parameter distributions of individual amplifiers; i.e., out of 100 LT1079s (or 100 LT1078s) typically 240 op amps (or 120) will be better than the indicated specification.

**Note 2:** This parameter is tested on a sample basis only. All noise parameters are tested with  $V_S = \pm 2.5V$ ,  $V_O = 0V$ .

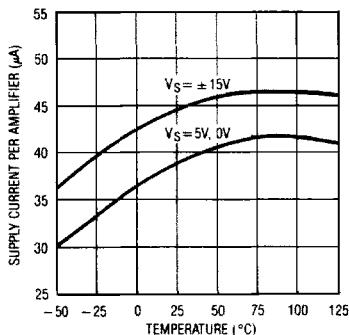
**Note 3:** This parameter is guaranteed by design and is not tested.

**Note 4:** Power supply rejection ratio is measured at the minimum supply voltage. The op amps actually work at 1.8V supply but with a typical offset skew of  $\sim 300\mu V$ .

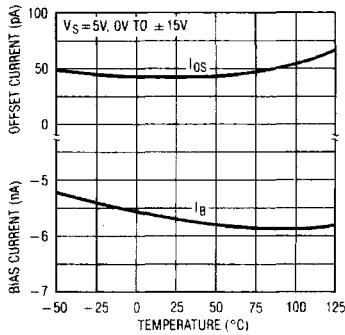
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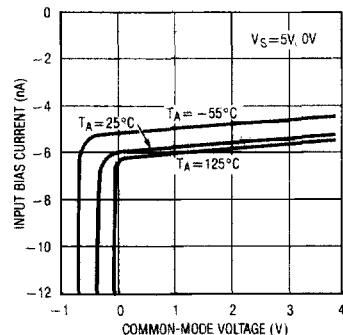
**Supply Current vs Temperature**



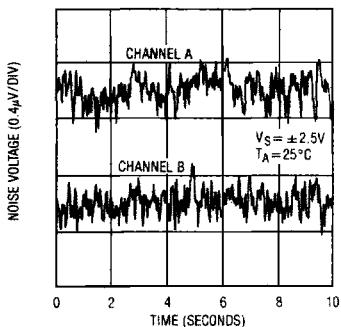
**Input Bias and Offset Currents vs Temperature**



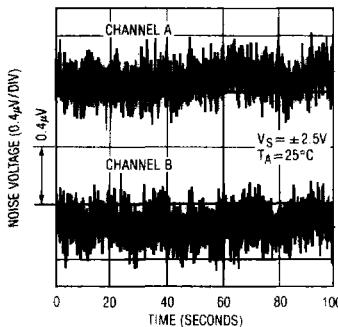
**Input Bias Current vs Common-Mode Voltage**



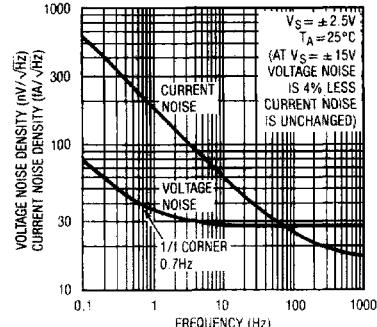
**0.1Hz to 10Hz Noise**



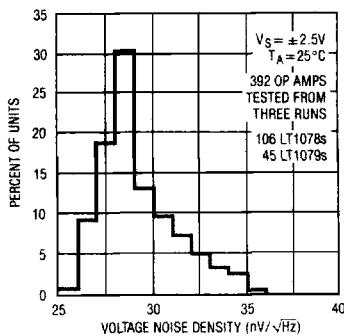
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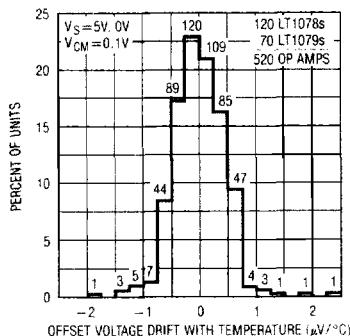
**Noise Spectrum**



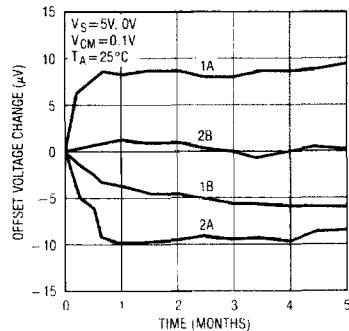
**10Hz Voltage Noise Distribution**



**Distribution of Offset Voltage Drift with Temperature (In All Packages Except Surface Mount)**

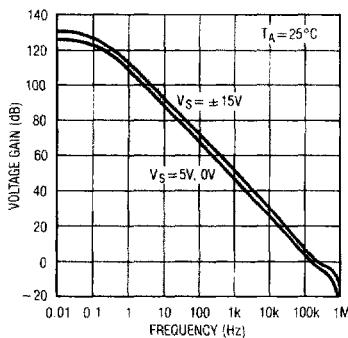


**Long Term Stability of Two Representative Units (LT1078)**

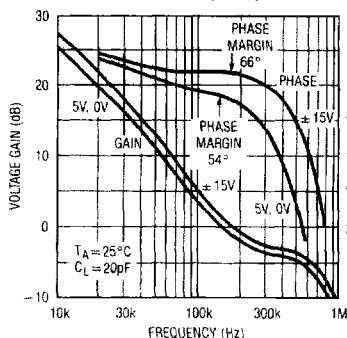


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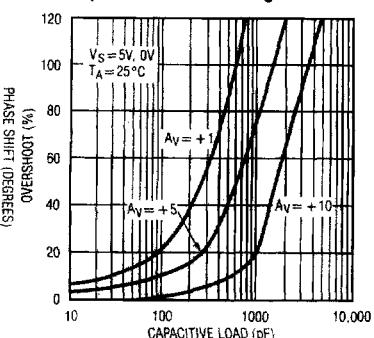
Voltage Gain vs Frequency



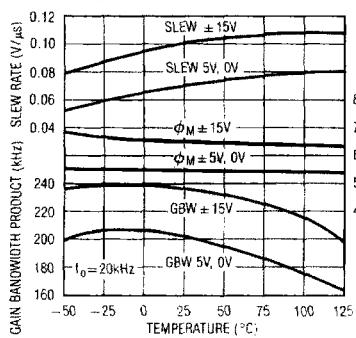
Gain, Phase vs Frequency



Capacitive Load Handling



Slew Rate, Gain Bandwidth Product and Phase Margin vs Temperature

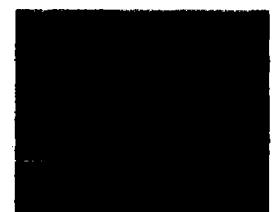


Large Signal Transient Response  
 $V_S = 5V, 0V$



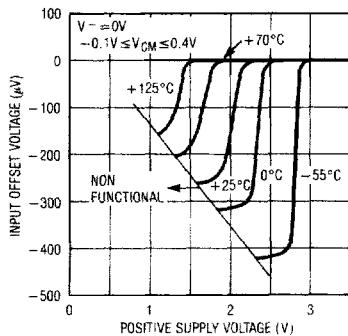
INPUT PULSE 0V TO 3.8V,  $A_V = +1$ , NO LOAD

Large Signal Transient Response  
 $V_S = \pm 15V$

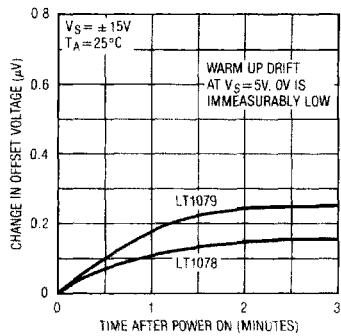


$A_V = +1$ , NO LOAD

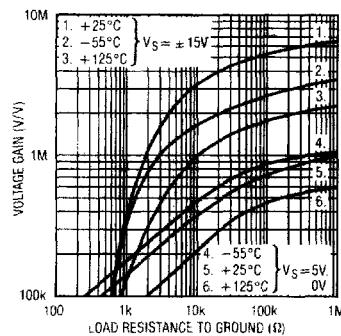
Minimum Supply Voltage



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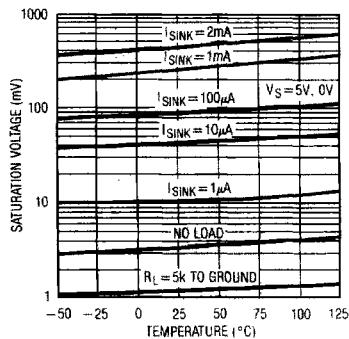


Voltage Gain vs Load Resistance

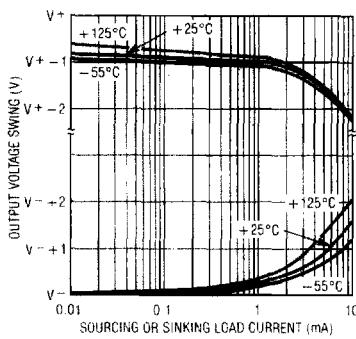


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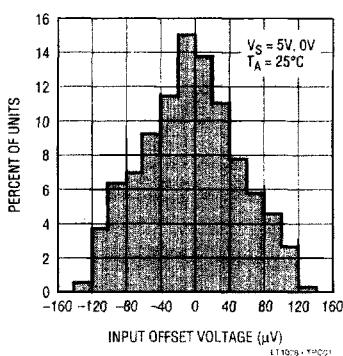
**Output Saturation vs Temperature vs Sink Current**



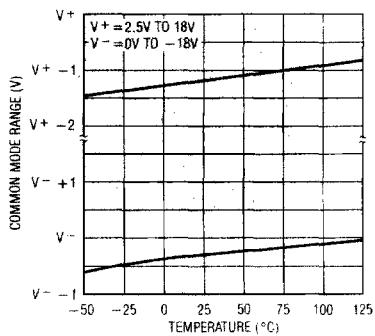
**Output Voltage Swing vs Load Current**



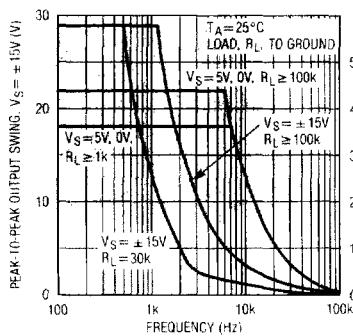
**Distribution of Input Offset Voltage (LT1078 in 8-Pin SO Package)**



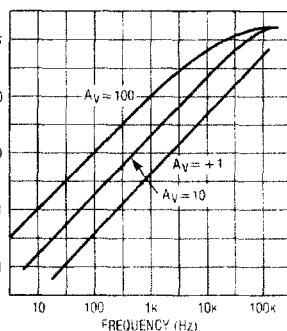
**Common Mode Range vs Temperature**



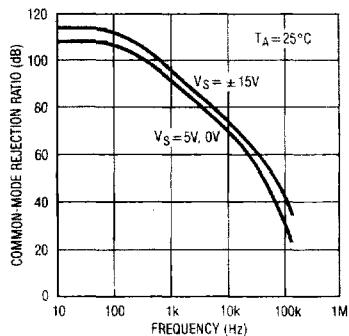
**Undistorted Output Swing vs Frequency**



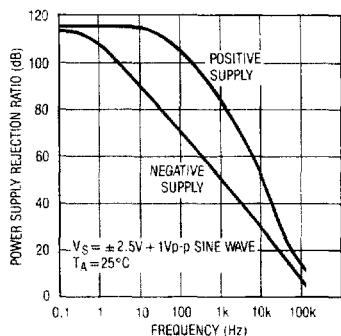
**Closed Loop Output Impedance**



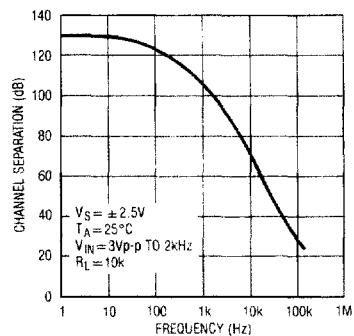
**Common-Mode Rejection Ratio vs Frequency**



**Power Supply Rejection Ratio vs Frequency**



**Channel Separation vs Frequency**



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**Small Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = 5V, 0V$



$A_V = +1$ ,  $C_L = 15pF$ , INPUT 50mV TO 150mV

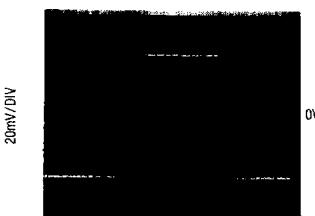
**Small Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = \pm 2.5V$



$A_V = +1$ ,  $C_L = 15pF$

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**Small Signal Transient Response**  
 $V_S = \pm 15V$



$A_V = +1$ ,  $C_L = 15pF$

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The LT1078/LT1079 devices are fully specified with  $V^+ = 5V$ ,  $V^- = 0$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0.1V$ . This set of operating conditions appears to be the most representative for battery powered micropower circuits. Offset voltage is internally trimmed to a minimum value at these supply voltages. When 9V or 3V batteries or  $\pm 2.5V$  dual supplies are used, bias and offset current changes will be minimal. Offset voltage changes will be just a few microvolts as given by the PSRR and CMRR specifications. For example, if  $PSRR = 114dB$  ( $= 2\mu V/V$ ), at 9V the offset voltage change will be  $8\mu V$ . Similarly,  $V_S = \pm 2.5V$ ,  $V_{CM} = 0$  is equivalent to a common-mode voltage change of 2.4V or a  $V_{OS}$  change of  $7\mu V$  if  $CMRR = 110dB$  ( $3\mu V/V$ ).

A full set of specifications is also provided at  $\pm 15V$  supply voltages for comparison with other devices and for completeness.

### Single Supply Operation

The LT1078/LT1079 are fully specified for single supply operation, i.e., when the negative supply is 0V. Input common-mode range goes below ground and the output swings within a few millivolts of ground while sinking current. All competing micropower op amps either cannot swing to within 600mV of ground (OP-20, OP-220, OP-420)

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or need a pull down resistor connected to the output to swing to ground (OP-90, OP-290, OP-490, HA5141/42/44). This difference is critical because in many applications these competing devices cannot be operated as micropower op amps and swing to ground simultaneously.

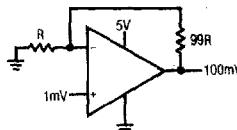
As an example, consider the instrumentation amplifier shown on the front page. When the common-mode signal is low and the output is high, amplifier A has to sink current. When the common-mode signal is high and the output low, amplifier B has to sink current. The competing devices require a 12k pull down resistor at the output of amplifier A and a 15k at the output of B to handle the specified signals. (The LT1078 does not need pull down resistors.) When the common-mode input is high and the output is high these pull down resistors draw 300 $\mu$ A (150 $\mu$ A each), which is excessive for micropower applications.

The instrumentation amplifier is by no means the only application requiring current sinking capability. In 7 of the 9 single supply applications shown in this data sheet the op amps have to be able to sink current. In two of the applications the first amplifier has to sink only the 6nA input bias current of the second op amp. The competing devices, however, cannot even sink 6nA without a pull down resistor.

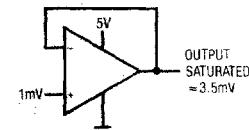
Since the output of the LT1078/LT1079 cannot go exactly to ground, but can only approach ground to within a few millivolts, care should be exercised to ensure that the output is not saturated. For example, a 1mV input signal will cause the amplifier to set up in its linear region in the gain

100 configuration shown below, but is not enough to make the amplifier function properly in the voltage follower mode.

**Gain 100 Amplifier**



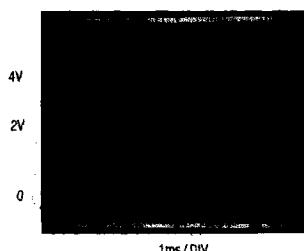
**Voltage Follower**



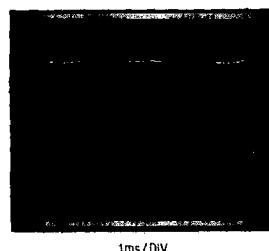
Single supply operation can also create difficulties at the input. The driving signal can fall below 0V—inadvertently or on a transient basis. If the input is more than a few hundred millivolts below ground, two distinct problems can occur on previous single supply designs, such as the LM124, LM158, OP-20, OP-21, OP-220, OP-221, OP-420 (a and b), OP-90/290/490 (b only):

- a) When the input is more than a diode drop below ground, unlimited current will flow from the substrate ( $V^-$  terminal) to the input. This can destroy the unit. On the LT1078/LT1079, resistors in series with the input protect the devices even when the input is 5V below ground.
- b) When the input is more than 400mV below ground (at 25°C), the input stage saturates and phase reversal occurs at the output. This can cause lock-up in servo systems. Due to a unique phase reversal protection circuitry, the LT1078/LT1079's output does not reverse, as illustrated below, even when the inputs are at -1.0V.

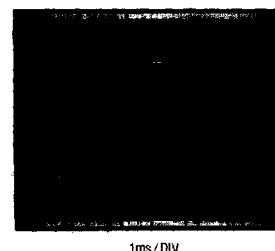
**Voltage Follower with Input Exceeding the Negative Common-Mode Range ( $V_S = 5V, 0V$ )**



6Vp-p INPUT, -1.0 TO +5.0V



OP-90 EXHIBITS OUTPUT PHASE REVERSAL



LT1078/LT1079 NO PHASE REVERSAL

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### Matching Specifications

In many applications the performance of a system depends on the matching between two op amps, rather than the individual characteristics of the two devices. The two and three op amp instrumentation amplifier configurations shown in this data sheet are examples. Matching characteristics are not 100% tested on the LT1078/79.

Some specifications are guaranteed by definition. For example,  $70\mu V$  maximum offset voltage implies that mismatch cannot be more than  $140\mu V$ .  $97dB (=14\mu V/V)$  CMRR means that worst case CMRR match is  $91dB (=28\mu V/V)$ . However, the following table can be used to estimate the expected matching performance at  $V_S=5V, 0V$  between the two sides of the LT1078, and between amplifiers A and D, and between amplifiers B and C of the LT1079.

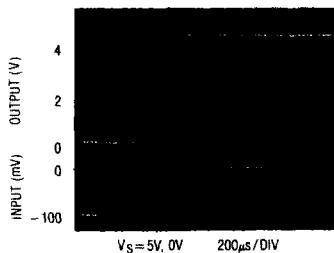
PARAMETER	LT1078AM/AC LT1079AM/AC		LT1078M/C LT1079M/C		UNITS
	50% YIELD	98% YIELD	50% YIELD	98% YIELD	
$V_{OS}$ Match, $\Delta V_{OS}$	LT1078	30	110	50	$\mu V$
	LT1079	40	150	50	
Temperature Coefficient $\Delta V_{OS}$		0.5	1.2	0.6	$\mu V/^{\circ}C$
Average Non-Inverting $I_B$		6	8	6	nA
Match of Non-Inverting $I_B$		0.12	0.4	0.15	nA
CMRR Match		120	100	117	dB
PSRR Match		117	105	117	dB

### Comparator Applications

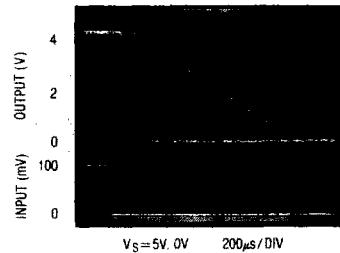
The single supply operation of the LT1078/1079 and its ability to swing close to ground while sinking current

lends itself to use as a precision comparator with TTL compatible output.

Comparator Rise Response Time  
to 10mV, 5mV, 2mV Overdrives

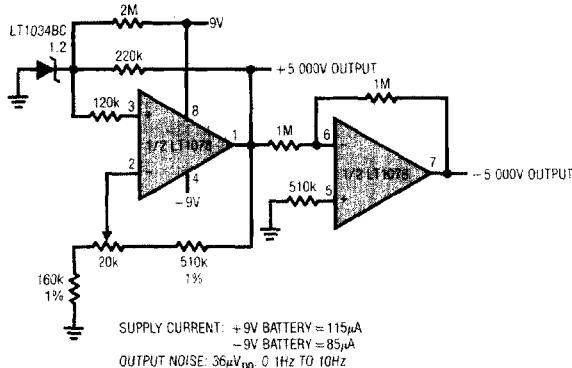


Comparator Fall Response Time  
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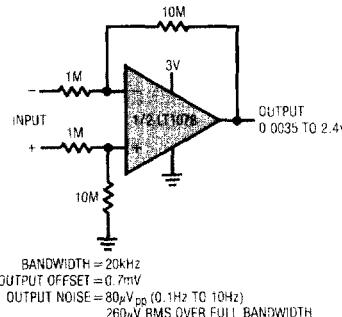
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### Micropower, 10ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C, $\pm$ 5V Reference



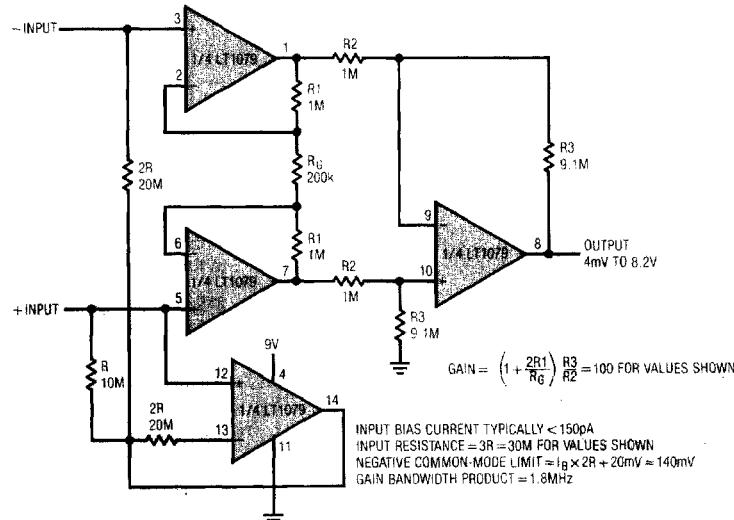
THE LT1078 CONTRIBUTES LESS THAN 3% OF THE TOTAL OUTPUT NOISE AND DRIFT WITH TIME AND TEMPERATURE. THE ACCURACY OF THE  $-5V$  OUTPUT DEPENDS ON THE MATCHING OF THE TWO 1M RESISTORS

### Gain of 10 Difference Amplifier



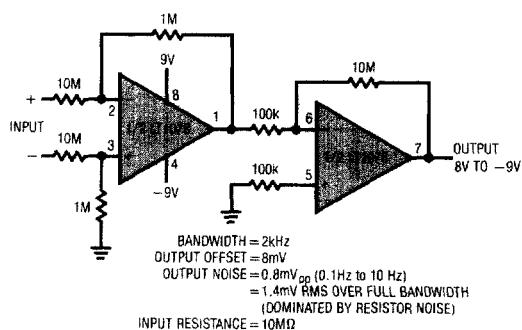
THE USEFULNESS OF DIFFERENCE AMPLIFIERS IS LIMITED BY THE FACT THAT THE INPUT RESISTANCE IS EQUAL TO THE SOURCE RESISTANCE. THE PICO-AMPERE OFFSET CURRENT AND LOW CURRENT NOISE OF THE LT1078 ALLOWS THE USE OF 1M $\Omega$  SOURCE RESISTORS WITHOUT DEGRADATION IN PERFORMANCE. IN ADDITION, WITH MEGOHM RESISTORS MICROPOWER OPERATION CAN BE MAINTAINED.

### Picoampere Input Current, Triple Op Amp Instrumentation Amplifier with Bias Current Cancellation

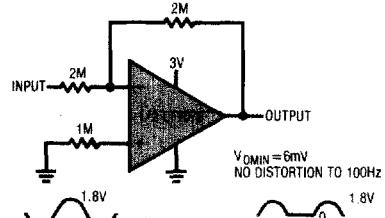


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+ 85V, - 100V Common Mode  
Range Instrumentation Amplifier  
( $A_y = 10$ )

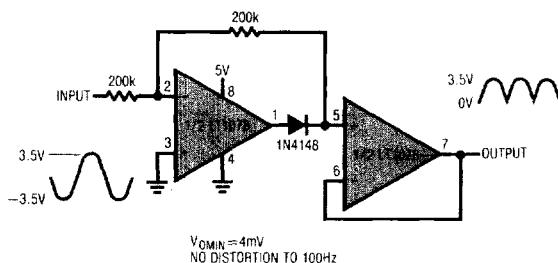


Half-Wave Rectifier

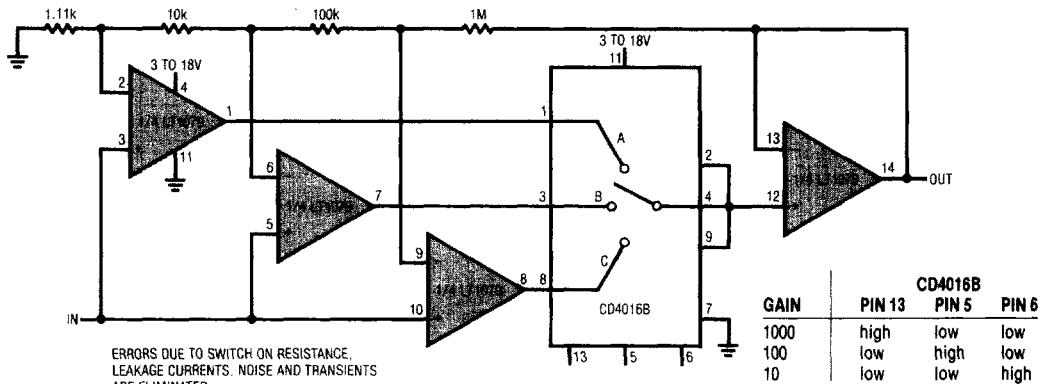


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Absolute Value Circuit (Full-Wave Rectifier)

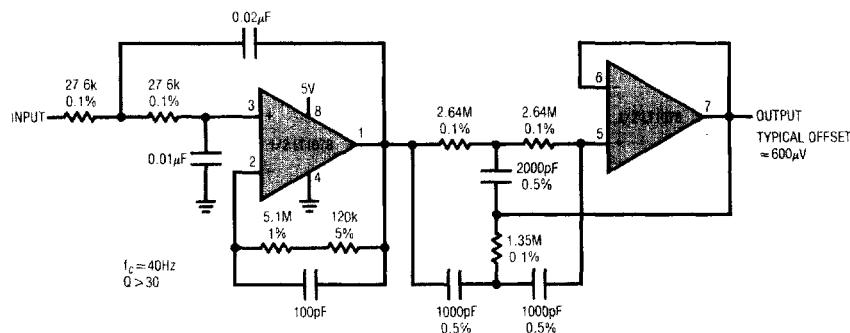


Programmable Gain Amplifier (Single Supply)

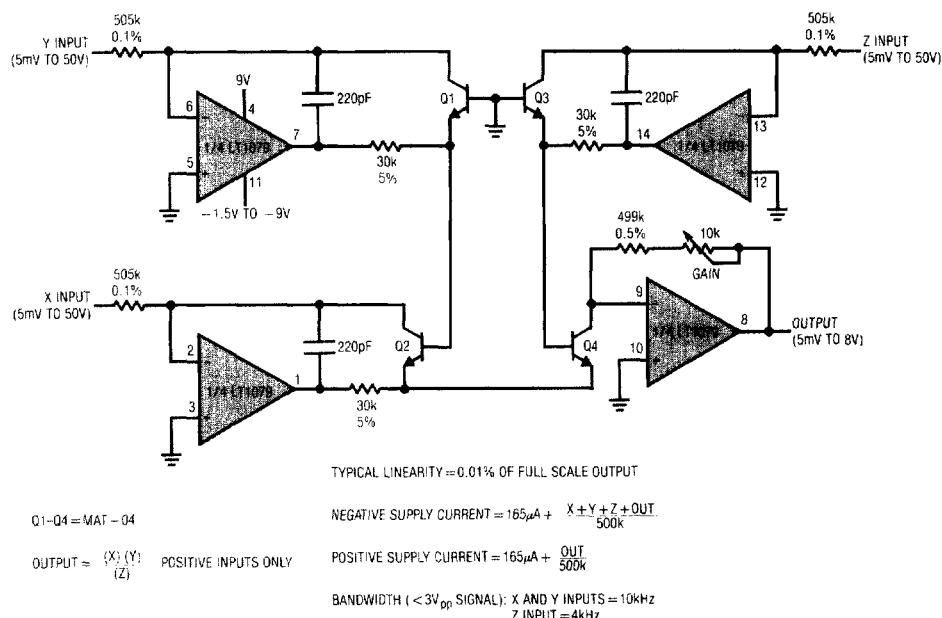


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Single Supply, Micropower, Second Order Low Pass Filter with 60Hz Notch

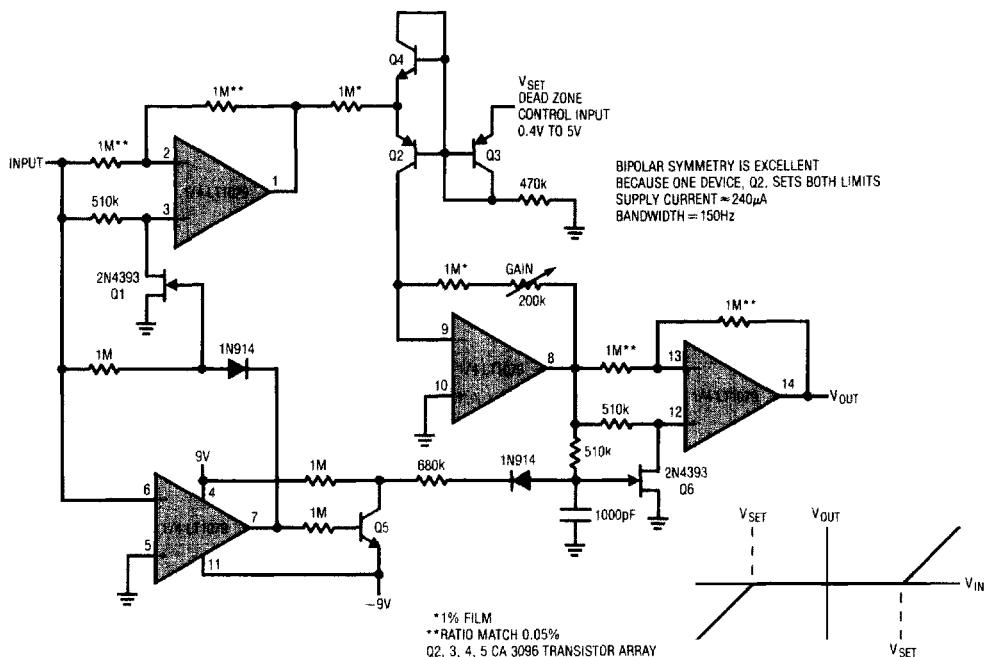


Micropower Multiplier/Divider



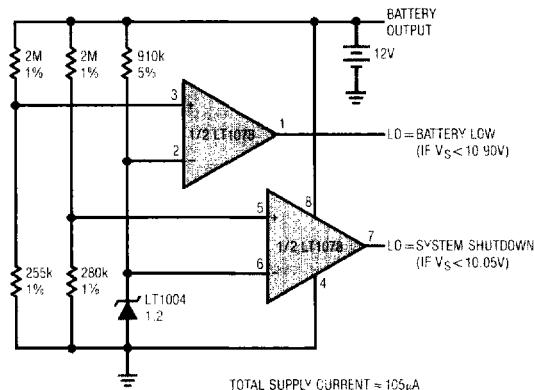
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## Micropower Dead Zone Generator

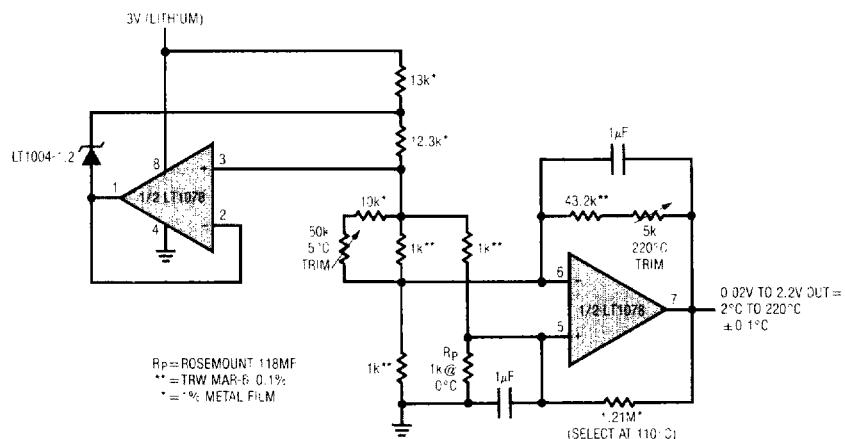


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**Lead Acid Low Battery Detector with System Shutdown**



**Platinum RTD Signal Conditioner with Curvature Correction**



## **SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC**

1/2 LT1078  
1/4 LT1079

